

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1657

AN ACT

To amend section 44921 of title 49, United States Code,
to provide for the arming of cargo pilots against terrorism.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ARMING CARGO PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
 3 gress that members of a flight deck crew of a cargo air-
 4 craft should be armed with a firearm and taser to defend
 5 the cargo aircraft against an attack by terrorists that
 6 could result in the use of the aircraft as a weapon of mass
 7 destruction or for other terrorist purposes.

8 (b) ARMING CARGO PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM.—
 9 Section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, is
 10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “passenger”
 12 each place that it appears;

13 (2) in subsection (k)(2) by striking “flight or,”
 14 and all that follows through “command” and insert-
 15 ing “flight or any other flight deck crew member”;
 16 and

17 (3) by adding at the end of subsection (k) the
 18 following:

19 “(3) ALL-CARGO AIR TRANSPORTATION.—In
 20 this section, the term ‘air transportation’ includes
 21 all-cargo air transportation.”.

22 (c) TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out
 23 the amendments made by subsection (b), the Under Sec-
 24 retary for Border and Transportation Security of the De-
 25 partment of Homeland Security shall ensure that pilots
 26 of both passenger and cargo aircraft are treated equitably

1 in receiving access to training as Federal flight deck offi-
2 cers.

3 (d) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—The requirements of
4 subsection (c) shall have no effect on the deadlines for im-
5 plementation contained in section 44921 of title 49,
6 United States Code, as in effect on the day before the date
7 of enactment of this Act.

Passed the Senate November 10, 2003.

Attest:

Secretary.

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